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WITHOUT INCREASING THE RISK OF BREAST CANCER
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME,
RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

The following remarks are submitted pursuant to, and concurrently with, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and are responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 24, 2006 (hereinafter the "Office Action") in the subject application. The Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for a Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith. Applicants also respectfully petition for a five month extension of time, thereby extending the period within which to submit an appeal brief up to and including March 26, 2007 (March 24, 2007, being a Sunday).

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Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for a five (5) month extension of time within which to submit an appeal brief, thereby extending the period within which to file an appeal brief up to and including March 26, 2007 (March 24, 2007, being a Sunday). The petition fee for a five (5) month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5) is included herewith. Accordingly, this submission is responsive within the paid-for extensions of time.

A check in the amount of \$2,950.00 is included herewith, consisting of the request for continued examination (RCE) fee of \$790.00 and the five (5) month extension of time fee of \$2,160.00. It is believed that no other fees are required for entry of this response, but should any fees be necessary, the Director is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Applicants provide the following remarks in response to the Office Action in the above-captioned application.

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